REGISTER OF CLASSIFICATION DECISIONS

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Excisions:	Not Applicable.

Reasons for excisions:

Not Applicable

Summary of reasons
for classification:

The magazine entitled *High Society Vol. 30 No. 6 June 2005* is classified as:
Objectionable.

This is because the magazine tends to promote and support the exploitation of young persons for sexual purposes.

The magazine was submitted by the New Zealand Customs Service under s13(1)(a) of the Films, Videos, and Publications Classification Act 1993 (FVPC Act). The magazine focuses on depictions of sexual activity. Advertisements which refer to young women as being "teenagers" and available for sexual services, occur frequently throughout the magazine. In addition, one article presents a young woman as being a young person. Despite the bulk of the magazine's content dealing exclusively with adults, these references occur extensively enough to lead the reader to regard young persons as being sexually viable objects for adult male sexual fantasy, and results in the magazine tending to promote and support the exploitation of young persons for sexual purposes.

The Classification Office has applied the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990 to the classification of this publication. The classification interferes with the freedom of expression, but this is an outcome that is consistent with Parliament's intention that publications falling under s3(2) are deemed to be objectionable. The classification is also a reasonable limitation on the freedom of expression that reflects the concerns of a free and democratic society to limit the availability of publications that tend to promote and support the exploitation of young persons for sexual purposes.